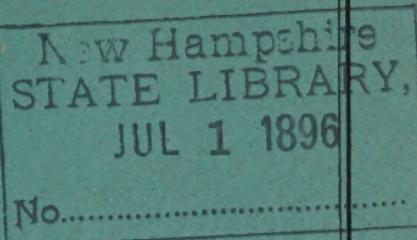




AUDITORS' REPORT

UPON THE



Financial Affairs,

OF THE

TOWN OF LANDAFF,

FOR THE

Year ending Mar. 1, 1884.

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1884.

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AUDITORS REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING
MARCH 1, 1884.

RECEIPTS INTO THE TREASURY.

Amount of town tax bill,	\$4782 89
S. A. Eaton, Treasurer,	502 51
Savings Bank tax,	410 34
Railroad tax,	42 44
Literary fund,	53 55
County of Grafton pauper claim,	37 88
Easton for support of Wm. Howland,	41 12
Interest on Errol note,	39 00
State bounty,	18 60
Redemption of Ira Woodward real estate,	5 00
Redemption of Stacy place in 1879,	14 14
M. J. Noyes, highway tax paid in money,	5 62
Stephen & M. S. Bronson, "	4 05
Almon Bronson, "	1 13
Lucinda Clark, "	13 44
Chas. E. Clark, "	7 56
Savory Gordon interest on taxes 1882,	15 00
Savory Gordon, Collector, (tax bill 1882)	853 20
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	\$6847 47

EXPENDITURES.

Bonds and coupons due Aug. 1, 1883,	\$1961 76
M. J. Noyes interest on Aug. bonds,	18 93
State tax,	520 00
County tax,	802 47
Town bond No. 21, due 1881,	546 00
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	\$3849 16

SCHOOL TAX.

School order Center district,	119	88
" district No. 1,	101	79
" " 2,	88	64
" " 3,	153	05
" " 4,	46	01
" " 5,	31	15
" " 9,	16	68
Lisbon Village,	10	65

	\$567	85

COUNTY PAUPERS.

Geo. O. Eastman,	42	87
Lucius Larabee,	22	00
Eben Brooks,	7	00
Wm. G. Dexter,	53	27

	\$125	14

TOWN PAUPERS.

Stanley boy,	50	75
Wm. Howland,	67	42
Wm. C. Noyes and family,	280	67

	\$437	34

SERVICES OF TOWN OFFICERS.

J. B. Noyes 1st Selectman,	39	75
M. J. Noyes 2d Selectman,	14	25
T. J. Ruggles 3d Selectman,	16	50
C. E. Clark 2d Selectman,	3	00
S. A. Eaton, Treasurer,	20	00
H. H. Noyes, Town Clerk,	16	44
Savory Gordon, Overseer of Poor,	13	25
Hiram Clark, School Committee,	25	00
Savory Gordon, Collector,	28	70
F. E. Cogswell, Supervisor,	2	25
Auditors,	6	00

	\$185	14

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENDITURES.

J. B. & Rufus Chandler work on highway,	14	52
A. J. Astle	"	"
H. A. Ball	"	"
Major Little	"	"
Daniel Whitcher, lumber,	96	00

A. J. Flanders, work on road,	7 25
Edwin Moulton, "	11 25
J. B. Noyes, "	13 00
F. D. Burbank, "	3 00
H. F. Deming, "	26 00
L. D. Williams, "	38 30
O. S. Merrill, "	8 64

\$234 06

J. K. P. Young, public watering place,	3 00
C. E. Clark, "	1 50
Moses Whitcher, "	1 50
Philena Sargent, "	3 00
O. E. Young, "	1 50
Wm. W. Eastman, building Gulf bridge,	62 45
H. K. Cooley, on road,	7 00
L. D. Williams, "	2 50
E. Brooks, "	1 50
L. D. Williams, "	2 00
Wm. Harden, "	1 50
H. A. Ball, "	4 10
Hiram Clark, "	8 88
J. C. Atwood, plank,	21 30

\$121 73

W. E. Clark, abatement of tax,	1 12
H. H. Jones, "	25
E. W. Cheney, "	1 10
S. Gordon, abatement on J. K. P. Young's tax,	4 40
S. Gordon, abatement of L. Larabee's tax,	2 25
H. B. Heath, printing town report, (1882-3)	11 00
O. H. Boynton, returning births and deaths 1881,	3 75
C. H. Boynton, " "	3 25
A. J. Flanders, damage to sheep by dogs 1882,	12 80
S. A. Eaton, " "	1 20

\$41 12

A. J. Flanders, repairing school house in district No. 4,	8 37
M. J. Noyes, bounty,	6 90
J. B. Noyes, bounty,	1 90
T. J. Ruggles bounties,	20
James Eaton, care of vestry,	2 50
S. Gordon, non-resident highway tax paid in labor,	2 48
J. B. Noyes, postage and stationery,	5 62

\$27 97

Whole amount of expenditures,	\$5589 51
In hands of S. Gordon, Collector,	1001 89
In hands of S. A. Eaton, Treasurer,	256 07
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Indebtedness March 1, 1884,	\$6847 47
	\$2898 38

AVAILABLE ASSETTS.

Due from Easton for support of Wm. Howland,	21 35
Due from State of N. H. bounty,	9 00
Due from County of Grafton,	125 14
In hands of Collector,	1001 89
In hands of Treasurer,	256 07
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Indebtedness less available assetts,	\$1413 45
Decrease of indebtedness since March 1, 1883,	\$1484 93
	\$2266 73

UNAVAILABLE ASSETTS.

Town of Errol note,	{ Local	650 00
Town of Landaff,	{ School Fund	250 00
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		\$900 00

JOHN B. NOYES, FIRST SELECTMAN.

1883.

Mar. 17, 3	days filling and delivering inventory blanks,	4 50
Apr. 3, 3	days taking inventory,	4 50
9, 2	days arranging and copying inventory,	3 00
21, 5	days making taxes, filling out highway books, dividing school money, &c.,	7 50
24, 1	day returning inventory to Sec'y. State,	1 50
30, 1	day appointing Collector, School Com. &c.,	1 50
May 21, 1-2	day on road case,	75
31, 1	day distributing highway books,	1 50
June 20, 2	days copying inventory and taxes,	3 00
July 7, 1	day settling with highway surveyors,	1 50
Aug 16, 1	day to South part to see about roads,	1 50
Oct. 18, 1	day to see about repairing Bunga road,	1 50
Nov. 21, 1-2	day appointing committee in district No. 2,	75

1884.

Feb. 22, 1-2	day making warrants,	75
23, 1	day settling claims,	1 50

Mar.	1, 1	day with Auditors, error on last year's account,	1 50
			3 00
			<u>\$39 75</u>

M. J. NOYES, SECOND SELECTMAN.

1883.

Apr.	3	days taking invoice,	4 50
	8,	recording inventory blanks,	1 50
		making taxes and dividing school money,	6 00
May	2,	1-2 day on road case,	75
Oct.	11, 1	day on Gulf bridge,	1 50
			<u>\$14 25</u>

T. J. RUGGLES, THIRD SELECTMAN.

1883.

Mar.	17, 1	day delivering inventory blanks,	1 50
Apr.	4, 3	days taking inventory,	4 50
	20, 4	days making taxes and dividing school money,	6 00
May	2,	1-2 day looking over the road near John Kelsea's,	75
		1-2 day revising juror box,	75

1884.

Feb.	23,	1 day settling claims,	1 50
Mar.	1, 1	day with Auditor's,	1 50
			<u>\$16 50</u>

CHAS. E. CLARK, SECOND SELECTMAN.

To	2	days settling town business,	3 00
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H. H. NOYES, TOWN CLERK.

To	recording	34 1-2 pages,	5 90
"		4 marriages and copy to Sec'y. State,	1 00
"		13 births,	3 25
"		4 deaths,	1 00
"		5 births,	37
"		5 deaths,	37
"		5 marriages,	37
"		enrollment 2 pages,	34
		copy to Sec'y. of State,	34

Drawing and notifying jurors, May 8, 1883,	75
" Sept. term "	75
" Dec. "	75
" Mar. term 1884,	100
Postage, &c.,	25

	\$16 44

We have examined the accounts of Treasurer and Selectmen and find them correct; vouchers were produced in all cases when required, for all expenditures reported above. Although our figures show an increase of expense in care of the poor the past year, on the whole we think we have reason to congratulate ourselves on the state of our finances. Our indebtedness has hung like an incubus over us for the last twenty years, eleven years since the debt was bonded, which was then \$25000. Only \$3000 and coupons, of the above remains unpaid to be divided between Landaff and Easton, \$2000 becoming due this year. If we meet our paper when due our indebtedness will be wiped out in two years. We therefore recommend the raising of \$2000 to defray town charges and pay outstanding debts the coming year.

HIRAM CLARK,
MOSES G. CLARK, } Auditors.

REPORT
OF THE
Supt. School Committee,
FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAR. 1, 1884,

Having been called unexpectedly to discharge the duties of School Committee, I wish to say that I have complied with the laws of the State as far as within me lies, and am pleased to report that we have had a very quiet, and seemingly, a profitable school year, with no cases of insubordination. In my visits at the commencement of the school, I gave teachers and scholars such counsel as I thought would prove beneficial; trying to impress upon scholars the necessity of studious habits, and strict obedience to teachers, and upon teachers the responsible position they occupy, having our children under their care when their minds are the most receptive to good and bad influences which will be transmitted to others, either as a blessing, spreading benedictions over the length and breadth of the land or as a curse, radiating its dark influence to the very circumference of society. We cannot be neutral; our influence is for good or evil. "No man liveth to himself." Our influence is felt more particularly by those whom we have under our care; therefore it behooves teachers and parents to set such examples as will be salutary and beneficial in after life.

CENTER DISTRICT.

The summer and fall terms, of eight weeks each, were taught by Miss Nellie Eastman. Whole number of scholars in summer, 21. Wages, per month \$18.00. Number of scholars, fall, 33. Wages \$16.00. Miss Eastman is an experienced teacher. We think her well qualified to teach, and highly qualified to impart to others the knowledge which she possesses; in other words "Apt to teach". The advanced state of the school speaks well for her services. We think the district fortunate that can secure her as teacher. Her previously well earned reputation as a first-class teacher, is well maintained in the schools under consideration.

Winter term taught by Miss M. Ada Samson. Whole number of scholars, 24. Length of school, 10 weeks. Wages and board, \$22.00. Miss Samson is a teacher of considerable experience although this is her first term in this town. We think good work was accomplished here, especially in arithmetic and grammar; other classes did nearly as well. I think teacher and scholars deserve much credit for progress made. The discipline was not quite up to my idea of what it should have been, but the fault may perhaps be attributed to a few large scholars taking advantage of the teacher's lenity and good nature, not setting salutary examples before the smaller portion of the school. On the whole I think the school a success.

DISTRICT No. 1.

Summer term taught by Miss Sadie A. Clough. Whole number of scholars, 8. Length of school, 8 weeks. Wages and board per month, \$20.00. This school, though few in number, I found a model school in deportment, studious, and prompt in recitation, giving evidence of good work begun. At my last visit the same good order prevailed, and good work had been accomplished, which I think gave satisfaction to the district. Winter term taught by Miss Anna M. Swasey. Length of school, 10 weeks. Whole number of scholars, 11. Wages and board, \$20.00 per month. We are glad to report the same good order as in the summer term, and hardly need say more for we think one can judge quite correctly of advancement made by the deportment. The rule proved true in this case as in all others that have come under our observation. Good order, good advancement made in studies pursued, and vice versa.

DISTRICT No. 2.

Summer school taught by Miss Mary E. Clough. Length of school, 8 weeks. Whole number of scholars, 10. Wages per month, \$12.00. The management, and progress made in studies pursued was perfectly satisfactory to me, and as far as I can learn, to the district. Miss Clough's love for children, and her quiet manner, peculiarly qualifies her to teach our children. Winter term taught by Hiram Clark. Length of school, 10 weeks. Whole number of scholars, 19. Wages of teacher, \$20.00 per month. Perhaps the less said by me of this school, the better, although I had a better chance to judge of improvement made as I visited the school each day. A few words in relation to the good behavior of pupils. Although some improvement might be made in this direction, the scholars were generally very obedient and well disposed, and we think made fair progress in their studies, especially arithmetic.

DISTRICT No. 3.

Summer term taught by Miss Ella M. Clough. Length of school, 12 weeks. Whole number of scholars, 24. Wages and board per month, \$19.00. Miss Clough's reputation as a first-class teacher, is too well established in this town to need any eulogy or commendation from me. But will say that we were favorably impressed with the appearance of the school, and the interest manifested by both teacher and pupils, and think good progress was made.

Winter term of 12 weeks, taught by Charley C. Whitcher. Whole number of pupils, 33. Wages and board per month, \$20. This was Mr. Whitcher's first experience in teaching the "young ideas how to school." On my first visit I found everything in good working order. Favorable reports reached me from time to time, convincing me that we were having a good school. At my visit near the close of the term I found all my expectations realized. The deportment of the school cannot be too highly commended. Order seemed to be the first law, which was enforced in a quiet manner, and learning the good progress made in all the studies pursued (especially arithmetic and algebra) I am confirmed in my belief that knowing how to govern a school is one of the principal qualifications requisite for a good teacher.

DISTRICT No. 4.

Summer and fall terms of 8 weeks each, taught by Miss Mary E. Flanders. Whole number of scholars in summer, 13. Wages, \$10.00 per month. Fall term, number of pupils, 8. Wages per month, \$12.00. This is not the first term of school taught by Miss Flanders in her own district, giving evidence that her previous endeavors to do justice to herself and those under her charge are appreciated by the district. I was much pleased with the deportment of the school and well satisfied with the advancement made in the different studies.

DISTRICT No. 5.

There was only a fall term of school in this district, taught by Miss Mina A. Prescott. Length of school, 10 weeks. Wages and board, \$12.00 per month. Number of scholars, 8. Although this was Miss Prescott's first effort as a teacher, we found her perfectly at home in the school room and appeared to love the work she was engaged in, which is one of the qualifications of a good teacher. The scholars, though few in number, compare favorably with those of other districts considering their limited school privileges.

DISTRICT No. 9.

School not visited by your committee. Miss Edith N. Bartlett was engaged to teach the summer term; received her certificate and register, and notified me when school would commence. On my first visit I found no school in progress, but learned by inquiring that it had been postponed two weeks. Second visit, things were in the same situation: school house locked. Was told that the school had been indefinitely postponed. I heard no more until I was informed by one of the district that a fall school was in session at a private house. Having no knowledge that it was a public school, I took no notice of it. The day that school closed I received a line from the prudential committee informing me when the school would close. No blame is attached to Miss Bartlett, but would it not be well for prudential committees to comply more strictly with statute laws in such matters?

No new books have been adopted by your Committee excepting the "Franklin Advance series" of reading books, which have been introduced throughout the town where they wished to exchange their battered and worn out books for new ones, which was nearly universal. We made an even exchange putting the new book into the hands of the pupils without cost to them, and with only small expense to ourselves, which was fully cancelled by the brightening of the countenances of those who received the new books.

The question is ever before us, as parents, how can we best educate our children? No question is more solemn and momentous than how we can educate them so that their lives will be a joy and an honor to themselves, to us, and to the world. It cannot be fully accomplished by building good school houses, furnishing plenty of school books, securing good teachers, and seeing that our children attend school regularly, though we *must* do that. But are we not too apt to think that our responsibility ends here? If parents would drop into the school room now and then, thereby manifesting an interest in their children's welfare while at school, they might not only strengthen the heart and hands of the teacher and stir up the children to an interest in their studies before unknown, but inspire the children with a spirit of self respect, which would be an effectual remedy for much of the misconduct in our schools. Let us consider that our children's education depends more upon the home than the school. True education is not only of the intellect, but of the heart and conscience. It is the universal testimony of teachers that no child who is carefully and wisely trained at home, is guilty of bad conduct at school. It is also the universal testimony of Superintendent's of Reform Schools and Prisons that

the criminals under their care, four out of every five began their ruin through some defect in their home or for want of a home. It is a natural result that if children do not learn to obey and respect their parents they will not possess the spirit of loyalty to their teachers, their country or their God. A tree will not only lie as it falls but it will grow and fall as the first shoot leans. The great question with us should be, what is the inclination of our child? Does he or she lean towards that which is right and true, and pure, and good, or away from it? It depends largely upon us, parents. There is a time when we may control that inclination and bend it as we will. If we neglect our work for a day that day's work can never be done again. Let us daily study the question, how shall we make every day of our child's home life such as shall rightly influence all his future. Encouraging home pleasures and home happiness, providing pleasant and instructive reading, exercising an unyielding, yet affectionate firmness in governing, and above all seeking for wisdom of Him who giveth to all liberally, are among the means, so may we hope to have our schools improved and our children become true men and women.

The following names include all the pupils who have been present every half day of a term without being tardy:

SUMMER TERM.

Edwin B. Noyes.	Harvey A. Young.	Leroy Noyes.
Henry Gordon.	Johnnie R. Noyes.	Jesse Gordon.
Arthur G. Noyes.	William Bronson.	Fred E. Young.
Bertie L. Ball.	Willie Bickott.	Frank E. Bronson.
Jennie L. Chandler.	Dell Eaton.	Melinda Simonds.
Carrie E. Hall.	Mary Whitcher.	Mary C. Noyes.
Grace Robinson.	Carrie Sherman.	Ida M. Clark.
Gertie Robinson.	Jennie N. Whitcher.	M. Bell Bartlett.
Myrta Prescott.	Mabel M. Bronson.	Christie Stimson.

FALL TERM.

Geo. F. Clement.	Perry Poor.	Percy Poor.
Jesse Gordon.	Bertie L. Ball.	Arvilla F. Clement.
Dora D. Clement.	Grace M. Clement,	Carrie E. Hall.
Dell Eaton.	Emma Poor.	Susie Poor.

WINTER TERM.

Albert Moulton.	Sidney Eaton.	Wilbur F. Noyes.
Arthur Simonds.	Edwin B. Noyes.	Harlie F. Bronson.
Leon Noyes.	William Bronson.	Frank Young.
W. Berton Rich.	Felix Corum.	Frank E. Bronson.
Fred Young.	Jennie L. Chandler.	Carrie E. Hall.
Carrie Sherman.	Emilie McConnell.	Minnie C. Rich.
Jennie N. Whitcher.	Mabel M. Bronson.	

Whole number of scholars in town attending school two weeks or more, not including district No. 9, 118.

HIRAM CLARK, School Committee.

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